

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (currently amended) An antimicrobial skin sanitizing composition comprising:  
at least about 60 weight percent of an aliphatic alcohol having from 1 to 4 carbon atoms selected from the group consisting of methanol, ethanol, propanol, isopropanol, butanol, isobutanol, and tertiary butanol;  
from about 0.1 to about 5 weight percent of a thickening agent, wherein the thickening agent is a carbomer polymer; and  
an effective amount of a neutralizer designated by the FDA as of February 5, 2002, as a direct food substance that is Generally Recognized As Safe or as an amino acid permitted for direct addition to food for human consumption, to neutralize the thickening agent, wherein the composition is not a mousse and, has a density of at least 0.8 g/ml, and has a viscosity of from about 1,000 to about 65,000 centipoise at 70 degrees Fahrenheit.
2. (cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer)
3. (original) The sanitizing composition of claim 1, wherein the alcohol is ethanol.
4. (cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer)
5. (original) The sanitizing composition of claim 1, wherein the sanitizing composition comprises from about 60 to about 90 percent by weight alcohol.

6. (previously amended) The sanitizing composition of claim 1, wherein the neutralizer is designated by the FDA as of February 5, 2002 as Generally Recognized as Safe.
7. (original) The sanitizing composition of claim 1, wherein the neutralizer contains a hydroxide selected from the group consisting of sodium hydroxide, potassium hydroxide, ammonium hydroxide, magnesium hydroxide, and precursors thereof.
8. (original) The sanitizing composition of claim 1, wherein the neutralizer contains an amino acid selected from the group consisting arginine, cysteine, and thiamine.
9. (original) The sanitizing composition of claim 7, wherein the neutralizer contains sodium hydroxide.
10. (cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer)
11. (previously cancelled)
12. (original) The sanitizing composition of claim 1, wherein the sanitizing composition further comprises one or more components selected from moisturizers, emollients, preservatives, perfumes, dyes, opacifiers, and lubricity agents.
- 13.-24. (previously cancelled without prejudice of disclaimer and subject to Applicants' right to file a divisional application thereon)
- 25.(currently amended) An antimicrobial skin sanitizing composition comprising:  
at least about 60 percent weight of an aliphatic alcohol having from 1 to 4 carbon atoms selected from the group consisting of methanol, ethanol, propanol,

isopropanol, isopropanol, butanol, isobutanol, and tertiary butanol;  
from about 0.1 to about 5 weight percent of a carbomer thickening agent;  
and  
from about 0.0001 to about 0.2 weight percent sodium hydroxide to  
neutralize the thickening agent, wherein the composition is not a mousse and,  
has a density of at least 0.8 g/ml, and has a viscosity of from about 1,000 to  
about 65,000 centipoise at 70 degrees Fahrenheit.